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**ABSTRACT**

Compositions are described which are capable of forming external reservoirs comprising a polymeric matrix for adsorbing sebum in exchange for beneficial oils and transfer of hydrating components to the skin. The compositions may be lotions, creams, gels, pastes, lip sticks and water and oil systems. There is also described a method of preparing said lotions, creams, etc containing an ambiphilic powder mixture or complex comprising synthetic porous agglomerates, a lipophilic component, hydrophilic attractant/polymer, optionally biologically active compound and excipients.